

Commissioner J. David Donahue Joins Females Graduates at CLIFF Ceremony

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Cliff Graduates are congratulated by Rockville Superintendent Julie Smith and Commissioner J. David Donahue.

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Rockville, Indiana (December 8, 2006) - Commissioner J. David Donahue gave the Commencement Address for the second graduation of female offenders in the methamphetamine treatment program at the Rockville Correctional Facility yesterday.

Commissioner Donahue encouraged the graduating class of 39 offenders to be a success story for the next offenders who enroll in the program. "Be a success story. Don't use the rear view mirror to see where you have been, but look ahead to see where you are going."

The program, entitled Clean Lifestyle is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) is America's first prison-based treatment program for female offenders with methamphetamine addiction. There are four prison-based meth treatment programs started in Indiana since April 2005.

A graduate of the program stated, "This is more than just a twelve-step program. We have begun to rebuild our lives." Another graduate added, "We are not bad trying to get good, but sick trying to get better. Let's have the 'attitude of gratitude' because we are lucky to have this opportunity."

"The staff at the facility have worked very hard to deliver this program that focuses on assisting in the recovery and relapse-prevention from meth abuse and all other associated drug addictions," concluded Donahue. "If you stay grounded with your families and community, I have every reason to believe that you will be successful. I am proud of each and every one of you."

The number of adult offenders incarcerated in the Indiana Department of Corrections charged with dealing or possession of methamphetamine and cocaine increased by 34% from 2000 to 2004.

By completing the 9-12 month voluntary treatment program, offenders are eligible to six-month time cuts. To date, there have been 530 adult male, 116 adult female, and 29 juvenile male CLIFF graduates. Initial recidivism for CLIFF graduates is 2.78% compared to general population at 7.85 % that were incarcerated and released during the same period of time.



CLIFF celebration cake made by culinary art students

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